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SRI K. T. RAJU : பெரிய கட்டிடங்களை எல்லாம் கட்டுவதற்குக் கால தாமதம் ஆவதால் சாதாரண கீத்துக் கொட்டகைகளைப் போட்டாவது கிராமங்களிலுள்ள மக்களுக்கு வைத்திய வசதி அளிக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : There is a provision of Rs. 121 lakhs for improving the taluk headquarters hospitals. I have no doubt that these hospitals will in due course be improved and expanded.

Prime Minister's Birthday celebration

* 3461 Q.—**SRI K. P. GOPALAN :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount spent by the Block Development Department, Payyanur, North Malabar, recently for the celebration of the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Nil.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : May I know, Sir, whether any Birthday greetings were sent to the Hon. the Prime Minister?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This question relates to what was done in the Payyanur block in Malabar district. There, the Children's Day synchronized with the Prime Minister's Birthday, and Children's Day celebrations took place.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

State trading of foodgrains

681 Q.—**SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any loss was incurred by the Government from 1950–51 in State trading on foodgrains by way of loss in transit, dryage, shrinkage, storage, deterioration in stock, etc., and, if so, the amount; and

(b) whether any amount was recovered towards the loss from the Railways or the Central Government?

A.—(a) A statement^a showing the expenditure incurred by Government from 1950–51 to 1953–54 in the State trading of foodgrains on account of loss in transit, dryage, etc. (as at the end of June 1955) is appended. Figures for 1954–55 have not been included as the *pro forma* accounts for the year have not yet been finalized and audited by the Accountant-General.

(b) The total loss in transit by rail during the year 1950–51 to 1953–54 was Rs. 10,30,132 and the amount of compensation received from the Southern Railway to the end of June 1955 is Rs. 2,92,877. The amount written off due to the rejection of the claims up to 30th June 1955 and the value of the claims pending with Railways on that date were Rs. 1,60,724 and Rs. 5,77,531, respectively.

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Minor irrigation tanks in the State and in Malabar

682 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of minor irrigation tanks, (i) in the State and (ii) in Malabar to which improvements have been made during the period of the First Five-Year Plan up to 31st March 1955?

A.—*In the State of Madras—*

	RS.
Number of tanks for which ordinary repairs have been carried out	8,417
Number of tanks for which improvements have been made	907
Total ...	9,324

In Malabar district.—Improvements were sanctioned to 5 minor irrigation tanks, out of which only one tank (viz., Cheranchira kulam in Mala amsam, Ponnani taluk) was completed and the other four works are pending execution by the Public Works Department.

In Malabar district, Minor Irrigation Schemes include also anicuts, sluices and channels. There are altogether 48 such Minor Irrigation works in the district out of which 23 were completed during the First Five-Year Plan period.

Grant to panchayats

683 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the total amount paid to major and minor panchayats in the State under the Madras Village Panchayats Act of 1950?

A.—It is not possible to furnish an answer to the question as it is vague in regard to the nature of the payments made to panchayats and the period to which the payments related.

Renovation of tanks in Ramanathapuram district

684 Q.—SRI P. CHELLATHURAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of tanks renovated in Ramanathapuram district during the years 1952–55 and the cost of their renovation; and

(b) the number of such tanks in Tiruvadanai taluk, and the cost of their renovation during the same period?

A.—The details are furnished to the end of September 1955 and include the work done by Public Works Department, Food Production, and the Minor Irrigation staff—

(a) 1,702—Rs. 60.30 lakhs.

(b) 219—Rs. 9.81 lakhs.

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Lower Bhavani Project

685 Q.—SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the area cultivated with paddy in each of the taluks served by the Lower Bhavani Project during faslis 1363 and 1364; and

(b) the area in respect of which penalty was imposed during faslis 1363 and 1364 and the total amount of such penalty in each fasli?

A.—

	Fasli 1363. ACS.	Fasli 1364. ACS.
(a) Gobichettipalayam taluk	1,003	6,286
Erode taluk ..	1	3,605
Bhavani taluk ..	Nil.	145
Dharapuram taluk ..	Nil.	212

NOTE.—The Lower Bhavani Project water has been supplied to Karur taluk of Tiruchirappalli district only from fasli 1365.

(b) Gobichettipalayam taluk	1,255	6,699
Erode taluk ..	1	3,605
Bhavani taluk ..	Nil.	343
Dharapuram taluk	Nil.	213
Total amount of penalty	Rs. 27,650	Rs. 4,49,602

NOTE.—The variation between the acreage cultivated with paddy given in clause (a) above and the area in respect of which penalty was imposed given in clause (b) above is due to the fact that the figures given under clause (b) include all the penalties levied including that for the paddy crop.

Untrained teachers in single-teacher schools

686 Q.—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of untrained teachers working in the single-teacher schools started under the Five-Year Plan in the State; and

(b) the increment they would be given when they put in one or more years of service?

A.—(a) The number of untrained teachers working in single-teacher schools under the unemployment relief scheme is 3,494 as on 31st October 1955.

(b) The untrained teachers are eligible only for a fixed pay of Rs. 40 if they are untrained matriculates, passed S.S.L.Cs. or under-graduates and Rs. 50 if they are untrained graduates.

Cattle fairs

687 Q.—SRI M. MARIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have already fixed or propose to fix any market-fees for the sale of cattle and hens in the cattle-fairs in the twelve taluks of Tanjore?

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A.—Local bodies are permitted to levy fees up to a maximum of annas eight per animal brought for sale into or sold in their public markets including fairs. But the Government have not fixed any fees for sale of poultry in such markets or fairs.

688 Q.—SRI M. MARIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to issue licence to the brokers who do their business in the cattle-fairs of the twelve taluks of Tanjore district?

A.—There is no such proposal before the Government. The District Board, Tanjore, levies a licence fee of rupee one on each broker doing business in the cattle-fair at Neerathanallur, Kumbakonam taluk.

Assignment of the reserved forest lands to Harijans

689 Q.—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received from the Harijans of Kattumailur village in Vriddhachalam taluk for assignment of the reserved forest lands there for purposes of cultivation; and

(b) the reasons for not assigning this reserved forest land to the Harijans so far?

A.—(a) None, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial disputes

690 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any conciliation proceedings were held during October 1955 in regard to the dismissal of six workers of Karur Mills, Karur; and

(b) if so, whether the dispute has been referred to an Industrial Tribunal for adjudication?

A.—(a) & (b) Conciliation proceedings in regard to the dismissal of four out of the six workers were held in August-September 1955 and in regard to the remaining two workers in January 1956. A settlement has been arrived at in regard to the reinstatement of two out of the six workers. The Government did not refer the dispute in regard to the remaining four workers to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication. The parties have been informed accordingly.

691 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of managements prosecuted in the State under section 29 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, during the period from 1st January to 30th September 1955;

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(b) the number of prosecutions launched against the managements of industrial concerns for violation of section 19 of the Act; and

(c) the number pending disposal?

A.—(a) & (b) Section 19 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, lays down the period of operation of settlements and awards. If any person commits breach of the provisions of the section, he can be prosecuted under section 29 of the Act. Eight managements have been prosecuted during the period 1st January to 30th September 1955 under Section 29 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(c) Five on 30th January 1956.

Kozhikode-Balusseri road

692 Q.—SRI A. APPU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received in July 1954 a petition from the villagers living on either side of the Kozhikode-Balusseri road (Malabar district) for widening this road; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) A petition, dated 28th July 1954, was received in August 1954.

(b) The scheme for widening the narrow portions and easing the gradient in the road is proposed to be included in the Second Five-Year Road Plan. The work will be taken up in due course for execution subject to the availability of funds.

Wet cultivation in Delta areas

693 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the acreage under wet cultivation in Delta areas in Madras State; and

(b) what is the acreage under wet cultivation in non-Delta areas in Madras State?

A.—(a) 15.69 lakhs acres.

(b) 32.41 lakhs acres.

Import of rice

694 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many tons of rice were imported into Madras State from the adjoining States in 1954; and

(b) the steps the Madras Government are taking to make Madras State self-sufficient in rice?

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A.—(a) 131,379 tons of rice were imported into the Madras State from the adjoining States in 1954.

(b) A statement^a showing the steps that are being taken by this Government to make the State self-sufficient in foodgrains including rice is appended.

Wells in Harijan localities

695 Q.—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received during 1953-54 and 1954-55 for repairing the existing wells and for digging new wells in Harijan localities in the Block Development areas of Vengulam and Valikandapuram firkas in Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district; and

(b) the number of applications disposed of during those years?

A.—(a) Two in 1953-54 and five in 1954-55.

(b) Two in 1953-54 and four in 1954-55.

Nurses and nursing orderlies

696 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether communal representation is followed in the selection of candidates for the nursing course;

(b) whether the age-limit is relaxed in the selection of candidates from the Scheduled Castes and the Backward Classes; and

(c) the number selected during the years 1954-55 and 1955-56 up to 31st October 1955 from the above communities?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir. Ten and twenty per cent of the seats are reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Tribes and the Backward Classes respectively.

(b) No, Sir. There is no need to consider this question as the existing age-limits are sufficiently elastic, viz., 17 to 30 years in the case of women candidates and 17 to 22 years in the case of men candidates.

		Backward Classes.	Scheduled Castes.
(c) 1st January 1954	..	10	7
2nd July 1954	..	11	6
1st January 1955	..	32	10
1st July 1955	..	15	5

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697 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to the unstarred question No. 420 on 22nd August 1955 the number of resolutions passed at the Sixth Madras State Nursing Orderlies Conference held at Coimbatore on 30th May 1954 that have since been given effect to?

A.—None of the resolutions has been given effect to.

Bridges in North Malabar

698 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ramapuram bridge, which is two miles away from Payangadi, North Malabar, is in a damaged condition; and

(b) if so, when it was damaged and what action the Highways Department have taken to repair the bridge?

A.—(a) & (b) Owing to the plying of heavily-laden lorries the deck of the bridge was damaged during the rains in November and December 1955. Necessary repairs have been carried out and the bridge made fit for vehicular traffic.

699 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct a bridge across the Payangadi ferry in North Malabar and included the scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan?

A.—The work of constructing a bridge across the Payangadi river at mile 65/8 of the Baliapatam-Madai-Cheruthayam road has been included in the Second Five-Year Plan.

Assignment of Government poramboke lands to the Vettaroyaperumal temple

700 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the lands in R.S. No. 13-2 measuring about 6.62 acres in the village of Alathur in Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district, were originally classified as Government poramboke lands; and

(b) if so, when and the circumstances under which the said lands were assigned to the Vettaroyaperumal temple in the village?

A.—(a) & (b) The land in R.S. No. 13 measuring 7.62 acres in Alathur of Tindivanam taluk was originally classified as assessed waste dry. In 1924 it was subdivided as R.S. No. 13-1 (1 acre) and R.S. No. 13-2 (6.62 acres). S. No. 13-1 has been transferred to "Chery Natham". S. No. 13-2 has been registered in the Village

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Accounts in the name of the Vettaroyaperumal temple. The exact circumstances under which it was assigned to the temple are not readily ascertainable.

House-sites for Harijans

701 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to unstarred question No. 335 on 2nd August 1955—

(a) the progress made so far in the matter; and

(b) when the assignment will be finalized?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member refers to the assignment of house-sites to the Harijans of Peramandur, Annamputhur and Kilkaranai village of Tindivanam taluk, South Arcot district. According to the Collector's report, 30 acres of Government poramboke land are available adjacent to Deevanur-Koottaripattu road for the Harijans of Peramandur. But in spite of persuasion by the District Welfare Officer, none of the Harijans have yet applied for house-site in this land. In Annamputhur it was found unnecessary to extend the cheri as there is enough space. Regarding the Harijans of Kilkaranai, the acquisition of an extent of 1.95 acres for extending the cheri is being pushed through.

Turbines for the Thermal station at Neyveli

702 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that turbines have been installed in the Thermal station at Neyveli during 1955; and

(b) if so, from where they were procured?

A.—(a) The Hon. Member has presumably in mind the two small package type steam turbo-generator sets installed at Neyveli. If so, the answer is in the affirmative.

(b) They were taken over on hire from the Basin Bridge Power House of the Madras Electricity department.

Harijan Welfare institutions

703 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the nature of help that is given to the Harijan Welfare institutions (private) in the city of Madras, the amount spent till September 1955 in 1955–56 and the names of the institutions that got the help?

A.—1. Discretionary grants are made by the Director of Harijan Welfare—

(i) for assisting societies, institutions or individuals in educating members of the communities eligible for help by the Harijan Welfare Department;

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(ii) for purchasing newspapers, periodicals and other publications for their benefit;

(iii) for encouragement of athletic associations formed by them, etc.

A total sum of Rs. 1,239-10-0 has been spent by the Director of Harijan Welfare till the end of September 1955 in this regard.

2. A list of associations in the Madras City which received assistance till the end of September 1955 is given below :—

(1) Kannappanayanar Kazhagam, Rayapuram, Madras, for purchase of dailies and periodicals.

(2) Harijan Seva Sangam, Perambur, for purchase of petromax light and a daily.

(3) Thiruveethiamman Street Welfare Association, Mylapore, for purchase of a daily.

(4) Gangadharan Memorial Progressive League, Sembium.

(5) The Madras State Handloom Weavers' Society for supplying sarees to the inmates of the Y.W.H.A. Hostel, Madras.

(6) Ramakrishna Free Higher Elementary School for rethatching of school shed, Rayapuram, Madras.

(7) Kannikapuram Pothunala Seva Sangham, Perambur, for purchase of a daily.

(8) Brindavanam Better Living Co-operative Society, Limited, Chetpet, Madras, for purchase of a daily and for games.

(9) Ekangipuram Welfare Association for maintenance of activities.

(10) Madras Depressed Classes Mission for purchase of sports materials and for maintaining social activities, etc.

(11) The Lower League, Mylapore, for purchase of daily.

(12) The Saint Therasa Welfare Association, Pudupet, Madras, for purchase of a daily.

(13) The Stanley Nagar Association, Washermanpet, for purchase of a daily.

(14) Babuji Seva Sangam, Teynampet, Madras, for purchase of petromax light and dailies.

(15) Srimagal Balia Sangam, Chinnasambrabakkam, Ayanavaram, for purchase of magazines and Kisan Charkas for use of the Sangam.

(16) Ramalingah Vallalar Muthamizh Sangam, Thyagaraya Nagar, for maintaining night school and other activities.

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Small-scale industries

704 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the details of help given for the development of small-scale industries in the city of Madras and the names of such industrial concerns so far helped; and

(b) the amount allotted for the current year for subsidizing such small-scale industries?

A.—(a) A statement* is annexed.

(b) Rs. 2,50,000.

Deaths due to Cancer

705 Q.—SRI A. M. RATNASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths that have occurred during the last two financial years due to Cancer in the State;

(b) the number of hospitals in the State wherein separate wards have been opened for treating this disease;

(c) whether any research institutions are proposed to be opened in the State to do research work relating to the causes of this disease; and

(d) whether any assistance is given by the Centre for controlling this disease?

A.—(a) 415, Sir.

(b) Three, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Central Government have sanctioned Rs. 2 lakhs towards the capital expenditure on building and equipment of the Cancer Institute, Adyar.

Opening of factories

706 Q.—SRI A. M. RATNASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of factories opened during 1953–54 and 1954–55 in the Madras City and its suburbs;

(b) whether some of them are owned by foreigners;

(c) whether it is a fact that licences are now refused by the Government for opening factories in the City; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

A.—(a) The number of factories opened during 1953–54 is 10 and that during 1954–55 is 12.

(b) No factory is owned by foreigners.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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Aranian Project

707 Q.—SRI K. GAJAPATHY REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Gummidipundi firka gets the benefit of Aranian Project?

A.—Yes, Sir. About 610 acres of lands in Mukkarambakkam village in Gummidipundi firka are benefited by the execution of the Aranian Reservoir Project.

Village Vaidya Training Centres

708 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have closed all the Village Vaidya Training Centres in the State since October 1955, and if so, the reason therefor; and

(b) the number of applications received from the Vaidyas in the State for undergoing this training since 1952 and the number admitted?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir. It was observed that several of the Village Vaidyas had moved to towns instead of settling down in their own villages after the training and that many of them were using modern medicines like sulpha drugs and anti-biotics. The Government therefore considered that it was not desirable nor necessary to continue the training course.

(b) The number of applications received since 1952 was 628 and the number admitted for the course was 608.

Wardha Ghanis

709 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce Wardha Ghanis in Payyanur National Extension Service area; and

(b) if so, when and how many?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the setting up of 14 Wardha Ghani Demonstration units in select 14 National Extension Service blocks in this State for the development of Village Oil Industry. Payyanur is one of the 14 National Extension Service blocks selected for the setting up of an unit. One Ghani unit will consist of two Wardha Ghanis and two bullocks. It is expected that the unit at Payyanur will begin to function shortly.

710 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Wardha Ghani Demonstration units proposed to be established in Tiruvallur, Kadambathur Community Development Project block and Uthukottai National Extension Scheme block of Chingleput district?

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A.—The Government have sanctioned a scheme for the setting up and running of 30 Wardha Ghani Demonstration units in the Community Development areas in this State. As “Tiruvallur” is one of the Community Development blocks selected for the setting up of Demonstration centres, one unit consisting of two Wardha Ghanis and two bullocks will be started shortly. There is no proposal to set up similar units in Kadambathur and Uthukottai blocks for the present.

Mat weaving

711 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned any amount for mat weaving in Payyanur Block Development area in North Malabar; and

(b) if so, what the amount is?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Sale of poramboke lands

712 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) total amount realized by selling Government waste or poramboke lands to cultivators in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, during the years 1952 to 1955;

(b) the total extent sold to Harijans; and

(c) the number of applications for purchase still pending and reasons therefor?

Year.	Amount.
A.—(a) 1952	Nil
1953	Nil
1954	Nil
1955	Rs. 25

(b) Five cents.

(c) One only. This relates to assignment of an extent of 93 cents of assessed waste dry in S. No. 381 of Perambakkam village to one Harijan Sri Dharman, on collection of market value at Re. 1 per cent. The proposal is pending final scrutiny.

Loan for the purchase of electric motors

713 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a provision under National Extension Service and Community Development Project Scheme to grant loan for the purchase of electric motors and pumpsets;

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(b) if so, the total amount allotted to Tiruvallur and Kadambathur blocks; and

(c) number of persons benefited and the total amount granted?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the overall programme there is a provisions of Rupees 4,50,000 in Tiruvallur block and Rs. 80,000 in Kadambathur block under Irrigation.

(c) A sum of Rs. 12,000 has been disbursed to 12 ryots in Tiruvallur block. No expenditure has been incurred under this head so far in Kadambathur block.

Compost scheme

714 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the progress made by the Block Development Officers of Tiruvallur and Kadambathur blocks in regard to the compost scheme in operation?

A.—The progress made in regard to the compost scheme in Tiruvallur and Kadambathur blocks in Chingleput district is given below :—

	Tiruvallur.	Kadambathur.
	TONS.	TONS.
Total number of compost pits dug.	782	557
Total quantity of compost produced.	2,347	604.5

Smallpox

715 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons had an attack of smallpox in Chingleput district talukwar during the year 1954-55; and

(b) the preventive measures taken by the Government to check the spread of the disease?

A.—(a) The figures are given below :—

	Number of attacks.
Chingleput	52
Kancheepuram	22
Madurantakam	17
Ponneri	17
Saidapet	47
Sriperumbudur	13
Tiruvallur	46

Total ... 214

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(b) The affected villages were visited by the Public Health staff and 2,076 primary vaccinations and 22,577 re-vaccinations were conducted by them. Additional Health Assistants were appointed wherever found necessary. Control measures such as disinfection of infected houses and materials, Public Health propaganda and isolation of cases wherever possible were also undertaken.

Local Development Works in Tiruvallur taluk

716 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is provision under Local Development Works Schemes also for improvements in major panchayats and municipalities even though they are covered by the Community Development Project Scheme and National Extension Service;

(b) if so, the amounts spent in Tiruvallur Municipality and any of the major panchayats in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a) A maximum of 5 per cent of the amount allotted for a district can be spent for works in municipal areas, provided such works benefit the rural population of the adjoining areas also. There are no restrictions as far as panchayat areas are concerned.

Works can be taken up under Local Development Works Programme in areas covered by Community Development and National Extension Service Schemes in exceptional cases when such works cannot be covered within the normal provisions of the Community Projects or National Extension Service budget. In such cases prior approval of Government should be obtained.

(b) No amount was spent in Tiruvallur municipal area. There is no major panchayat in Tiruvallur taluk.

(c) No application for grants from Local Development Funds has so far been received from Tiruvallur municipal area.

Sinking of tube-wells

717 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to sink tube-wells in National Extension Service and Community Development Project areas of Uthukottai, Tiruvallur and Kadambathur blocks of Tiruvallur taluk of Chingleput district; and

(b) if so, when they will be taken up for execution?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

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Extension of electricity to Perintalmanna area

718 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the public of Perintalmanna through a memorandum submitted to the Hon. the Chief Minister when he visited Perintalmanna on 23rd April 1955 requesting the Government to extend electricity to Perintalmanna area; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to comply with the request?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A scheme for extension of supply of electricity to Perintalmanna and other villages was sanctioned in December 1955.

Government Transport buses

719 Q.—SRI C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of buses owned by the Government on date; and

(b) the number of buses that were running on the road, in different routes, each day, during the month of December 1955 in Madras City?

A.—(a) 420 as on 1st January 1956.

(b) A statement^a is placed on the table of the House.

Panchayat for Mokeri village

720 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government or the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has received any memorandum in January 1956 from the denizens of the Mokeri village in Kottayam taluk, Malabar district, demanding the formation of a separate panchayat for that village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir. It was received by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards.

(b) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has forwarded it to the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Western Range, Coimbatore, for necessary action, as he has been empowered to constitute panchayats.

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Shiva Rao Committee

721 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Union Government have called for the views of this Government on the recommendations made by the Shiva Rao Committee regarding the future of the Employment Exchanges in this State; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the Committee and the views of this Government thereon?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee has made 92 recommendations in all. It is not possible to enumerate all the recommendations. It has, among others, recommended that the day-to-day administration of the Exchanges should be handed over to the State Governments, the Central Government being responsible for laying down policy and standards for consideration and supervision of the work of the Employment Exchanges. The matter is under correspondence with the Central Government.

Community platforms

722 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of community platforms constructed in Tiruvallur taluk during the years 1953-54 and 1954-55; and

(b) the amount allotted for the construction of such community platforms during those years?

A.—(a) Number of platforms constructed ... 1953-54. 1954-55.
Nil. 1

(b) No separate allotment for the purpose is made. The expenditure was met from the provision for local works in the budget of Tiruvallur block.

Adult Education Centres

723 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have fixed any target for the opening of Adult Education Centres in each block under the National Extension Service and the Community Projects Schemes;

(b) if so, the number of Adult Education Centres opened in each of the Tiruvallur, Kadambathur and Uthukottai blocks in the Tiruvallur taluk;

(c) whether the Block Development Officers of each block have reached the target; and

(d) if not, why?

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A.—(a) The Government have fixed a target of 35 centres for each block under the National Extension Service and Community Projects Scheme in G.O. Ms. No. 1325, Public (Rural Development Projects), dated 21st April 1955. This has been suggested as the minimum and the target may be revised to suit local conditions and is fixed when the overall programme for the block is drawn up.

(b) The number of Adult Education Centres opened and the targets fixed in the overall programme are given below :—

	Number of centres.	Target.
(i) Tiruvallur	24	50
(ii) Kadambathur	37	50
(iii) Uthukottai	29	35

(c) The Block Development Officers have not yet reached the target.

(d) The target is to be reached in the course of three years. The programme will be phased accordingly. The blocks have been in existence only for one or two years. More than a proportionate number of centres have been opened already and the rest will be opened within the period of three years.

Fisheries School for Polipu

724 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a representation, dated 22nd July 1955, from the Polipu Mogaveeramaha Sabha in South Kanara regarding the conversion of the Polipu Higher Elementary School into a Fisheries Technological High School; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) A copy of the representation addressed by the Sabha in the matter to the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras, was received by Government on 5th August 1955.

(b) The matter has been deferred as it was reported that the opening of a Fisheries High School at Polipu would be detrimental to the interest of the existing High School at Innanje which is only $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles away from Polipu.

Intensive Manure Scheme

725 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount allotted for the Tiruvallur taluk under the Intensive Manure Scheme; and

(b) the amount spent in 1955?

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707 A.—(a) Rs. 1,15,000 (rupees one lakh and fifteen thousand only) for the financial year 1955-56.

(b) Rs. 59,690 (rupees fifty-nine thousand and six hundred and ninety only) up to 31st December 1955.

Soil conservation

726 Q.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any investigation has been made in the Tiruvallur taluk of Chingleput district to find out the necessity and the possibility of co-ordinating any scheme for soil conservation?

A.—Yes. Necessary investigations have already been made in the Tiruvallur taluk with a view to take up soil conservation work. Under the Second Five-Year Plan, it has been proposed to tackle an area of 3,000 acres in the Chingleput district during the year 1958-59.

Grazing facilities in villages

727 Q.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation this year from the Coonoor Animal Welfare Association regarding the provision of grazing grounds in villages; and

(b) whether the Government have any proposals in this behalf?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) The Government have ordered that in areas where no grazing grounds have been set apart for the village cattle, the villagers should be encouraged to raise grass farms in the unobjectionable village wastes so that they can use them for the cattle during the cultivation season when animals find it difficult to go and graze outside and have asked the Board of Revenue to implement these orders.

Palghat Municipal Water-supply Scheme

728 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the Palghat Municipal Water-supply Scheme was sanctioned; and

(b) the amount given by the Government as grant or loan?

A.—(a) The design of the scheme was sanctioned in November 1954. The execution of the scheme has not yet been sanctioned.

(b) Does not arise.

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Transfer of village officers

729 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state why the village officers in Pudukkottai division of Tiruchirappalli district are not subject to transfers even on complaints as was the procedure in the pre-merger Pudukkottai State Administration?

A.—Under the existing rules applicable to this State, no village officer should be transferred from the village where he holds office permanently to any other village by way of promotion or punishment. In non-hereditary areas, mutual transfers of village officers are allowed within the same district when such transfers are advantageous to the administration.

Cyclone

730 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(i) the amount disbursed as free-cash-grant to the cyclone-affected persons; and

(ii) the amount spent on gruel centres and other relief measures in (1) Alangudy and (2) Thirumayam taluks of Pudukkottai division in Tiruchirappalli district?

A.—

	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Alangudy	4,25,646	0	0
Thirumayam	2,89,450	0	0
(ii) Alangudy	33,537	0	3
Thirumayam	27,813	3	9

731 Q.—SRI P. K. MOOKAIAH THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the total loss of human lives, animals and properties on account of the recent cyclone and floods in Madurai district?

A.—The damages caused by the recent cyclone and floods in Madurai district are as follows :—

Number of human lives lost	6
Number of cattle dead	1,846
Number of sheep and goats dead	2,463
Number of houses partially or totally damaged	22,064
Number of other buildings partially or totally damaged	8
Damage to crops (acres)	2,100
Number of trees uprooted	13,805
Number of tanks breached	277
Number of roads damaged	48

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Industrial School at Cannanore

732 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to start an Industrial School at Cannanore?

A.—Yes, Sir.

Last Grade Government Servants' Conference

733 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received copies of the resolutions passed at the recent conference of the Last Grade Government Servants; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—(a) Yes, copies of the resolutions passed at the conference held at Tirunelveli on 8th January 1956 have been received.

(b) They are being examined in the departments of the Secretariat concerned.

Veterinary dispensary at Kasargod

734 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to close the Veterinary dispensary at Kasargod in South Kanara district; and

(b) if so, why?

A.—(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

DR. U. KRISHNA RAO : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, on behalf of the Estimates Committee, present to this House the Second Report of the Committee on Estimates on the Cinchona Department. The report* is placed on the table of the House, and I commend it to the Government.

MR. SPEAKER : We now proceed to the next item on the Agenda.

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Sir, what about the statement under Rule 40?

MR. SPEAKER : No statement under Rule 40 is on the Agenda.